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Province stands firm on teacher deal

Calgary's public school trustees are told the province won't be bending on a tentative deal for teachers despite opposition to the deal both locally and in other districts

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Transit's worst riders slapped with hefty fines

Enforcement.

Officers don't take handing out steep \$5,000 penalties lightly, says security boss

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One man decided to urinate on the bus, forcing it out of service for several hours.

Another repeatedly touched a fellow passenger inappropriately even after being asked to stop.

And three absent-minded drunks chose to steal tools from transit workers doing

maintenance on the 7th Avenue LRT line.

All were slapped with \$5,000 fines under a new bylaw offence introduced last fall.

In fact, Calgary Transit public safety co-ordinator Brian Whitelaw said the new measure has been invoked a dozen times to date and the six cases that have worked their way through the court system have all ended in convictions.

"What we try to do is take into consideration the action — some individuals are suffering from mental-health issues — you try to look for a better solution than laying a charge," Whitelaw said, noting that, by and large, transit riders are well-behaved and system-wide crime rates are reaching historical lows.

The new fine came as part

of sweeping bylaw changes approved by city council last summer that also saw penalties for vandalizing or spraying graffiti on transit property rise from \$150 to \$5,000.

Whitelaw didn't have formal numbers on how many taggers had been hit with the new fine, but said he's seen a "noticeable reduction" in the amount of graffiti on buses and trains when riding.

Ald. Andre Chabot vouched for the stiffest Calgary Transit fines, noting the \$5,000 penalty is in line with the city's community standards bylaw.

"We used to be kind of encouraging people to make our buses messy because they figure 'If I'm going to get caught somewhere, I'd rather get caught somewhere where the fine's a little less,'" he said.



IN TOUGH IN CHICAGO

Calgary Flames defenceman T.J. Brodie keeps Chicago Blackhawks left wing Brandon Saad from getting a second shot on goalie Miikka Kiprusoff during the third period of an NHL hockey game Tuesday in Chicago. The Blackhawks won 2-0. For the game story, see page 29.

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Testimony. Mother watched as baby saved from trash, says officer

A police officer says a mother accused of leaving her newborn baby inside a garbage bag in a dumpster was watching from the steps of her apartment as the child was saved by authorities.

Const. David Hsu was called in to look for witnesses after the baby was found abandoned in the Calgary trash bin in October 2010.

He testified Tuesday that he thought Meredith Borowiec was just an "onlooker" when he saw her sitting, barefoot, wearing pyjama bottoms and with a blanket wrapped around her waist.

Hsu said Borowiec told him she was at home ill that day but had been informed by her boyfriend that a baby had been found in the dumpster.

When he saw blood on the blanket by the woman's leg and on her coat sleeve, Hsu became suspicious that she was the child's mother.

"I thought she was a suspect," said Hsu. "The fact she had blood on her leg and her sleeve was suspicious."

Borowiec, 31, is charged with two counts of second-degree murder in the deaths of two of her newborn children in 2008 and 2009, before the infant was rescued from the garbage in 2010.

The Crown wants the baby found in the trash ruled as similar-fact evidence so it can be used in the murder trial.

A separate attempted-murder trial is scheduled for this fall dealing with the child in the garbage.

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Calgary Board of Education trustee chair Pat Cochrane spent three hours with fellow board members discussing the latest proposal for Alberta teachers Monday. METRO FILE

Deal 'won't change'

Tough talk. Province tells boards it won't be bending on teacher agreement and it could be introduced through ministerial order



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Provincial officials have informed Calgary's public school trustees they won't be bending on a tentative deal for teachers despite opposition both locally and in other districts.

"They told us the deal won't change," Calgary Board of Education trustee chair Pat Cochrane told Metro Tuesday, one day after she and fellow elected members grilled Alberta Educa-

tion representatives for three hours. "We're not the only ones opposing it.... There are so many layers in this agreement."

Chief concerns for the CBE with the current deal — which has been unanimously endorsed by Alberta Teachers' Association executives but received opposition from at least six school boards to date — include hidden costs and the overall pecking order in the system, especially the creation of a third-party executive committee to field teacher concerns.

As well, clear definitions of certain terms, like instructional hours, are still being sought.

While teachers have maintained they are willing to take a salary freeze of three years, Cochrane pointed to an appendix in the agreement specifying that 29 of 62 boards in the province would actually pay teachers more to bring them in line

with average wages.

In the CBE's case, that amounts to a 0.41 per cent increase per staff member, which officials estimate will cost them \$2 million more annually. That's on top of a \$10-million expense the board has previously said it will have to cover as teachers move up the salary grid but student base grants remain frozen.

But with all that, the province is unlikely to budge on the specifics of a deal currently being deliberated by all boards and ATA local bargainers, Education Ministry spokesperson Kim Capstick said Tuesday.

"We still have a lot of work to do, but we are not going to be deterred because one or two boards are concerned about it," Capstick said, adding the government has already received endorsements from 19 boards in the province.

Controversial contract

Minister's orders:

- Alberta Education spokesperson Kim Capstick said the most controversial pieces of the contract, including a cap on teacher instructional hours, could be introduced through a ministerial order from Education Minister Jeff Johnson.
- That order, Capstick said, would not have to be approved by school boards.

When asked what it would take to get her board on side with the current agreement, Cochrane replied, "That's not a question for me to answer."

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Grow-op cleaning business blooms for Chestermere pair

Remediation. Pair offers insight on just what it takes to restore a drug house

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Some couples struggle just to keep their own house tidy, but Dean and Jeanette Mayken routinely take on some of the most daunting cleanup jobs imaginable.

Together for six years, the pair from Chestermere have made a living remediating grow-ops, and throw in the odd crime trauma scene for good measure.

"It's good — she's the boss at home, I'm the boss at work," Dean says with a laugh.

Alberta Health Services maintains that the average grow-op can take half a year to clean, but the pitch from Mayken Solutions is it can often complete a job in just two months.

Dean has a quarter-century's worth of experience dealing with hazardous materials, while Jeanette has worked in office settings for 30 years, developing marketing and retail experience. With each remediation project, Dean's team of five steps in first to remove toxic waste and the like. Jeanette's crew follows up with the massive cleanup and restoration.

"We make a pretty good team," she said. "Our phones are ringing off the hook now.... Call us remediation specialists."

Many of the Maykens'

Mayken Solutions

- Mayken Solutions was first established in 2006. Grow-op remediations accounts for about 90 per cent of the company's business, with the remainder being primarily trauma cleanups and massive garbage-removal jobs.
- The company takes on about a dozen grow-op remediations every year and often handles as many as five at a time.
- For more information, visit mayken.com.

customers have purchased a house from the bank at a reduced price and rely on them to make it a proper living space. The price tag for such an endeavour averages \$35,000.

The couple has seen it all — from small basement grows with some mould damage to full-scale operations that have left a residence beyond repair.

Mayken Solutions did work on one of two legal home grow-ops shut down by the City of Calgary last year after inspectors found numerous safety issues. The federal government has signalled it is moving away from such operations — a move backed by the Calgary police.

From his angle, Dean sees no other choice.

"It's ludicrous," he said. "A lot of time people think they're doing it right until an inspector comes in.... If you



Jeanette Mayken works to restore a house damaged by a marijuana grow operation. She and husband Dean, seen together at a recent trade show, inset, run a company called Mayken Solutions, which primarily cleans up drug houses in Calgary and the surrounding area. CONTRIBUTED BY JEANETTE MAYKEN

are going to run an operation like that, it needs to be in a proper environment."

But despite routinely witnessing the aftermath of criminal enterprise, the Maykens appear to keep things light-natured when discussing their work, even

cracking jokes about how a grow-op just two blocks from their home in Chestermere allowed them to cut down on vehicle mileage.

"What I say frequently is we're one of few making money legally in the grow-op business," Dean said.

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"After the cops raid it and clear it, it looks like somebody has physically taken the house, turned it upside down and shaken it. It's chaos and turmoil all over the place."

Dean Mayken, remediation specialist



The probable causes of a fire in Varsity, pictured in this file photo, as well as a blaze in Bowness, were determined to be discarded cigarettes. METRO FILE

Two fatal Calgary fires caused by cigarettes, say investigators

Investigators have determined two separate fires that killed two women earlier this year were both caused by improperly discarded cigarettes.

The first fire happened on Bowness Road on Jan. 24. An unconscious woman was found in the basement of a duplex. She later died of her injuries.

Less than a month later, on

Feb. 6, the Calgary Fire Department was called to a home in Varsity. One person escaped the blaze but a woman in her 40s was not able to escape.

The Calgary Fire Department Investigations Unit reviewed the two fires, and in both cases the probable cause was determined to be "improperly discarded smok-

ing materials."

"We send our thoughts and condolences to the families and friends of the two women," said CFD public information officer Carol Henke.

"We also want to take a moment to remind citizens about how to safely dispose of smoking materials, because simple preventative measures can

make a difference."

In a rough tally of approximately 33 significant fires between Jan. 1 and March 16, Henke said seven were caused by improperly discarded smoking materials.

Henke said the lesson to be learned is a simple one: "If you smoke, smoke safely."

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StatsCan data. Calgary still punches way above its weight for head offices

Calgary continues to lead the country — by far — in terms of corporate head offices per capita, according to data released Tuesday by Statistics Canada.

A total of 224 head offices were located in the city in 2011 for a rate of 17.7 per 100,000 residents.

That's down slightly from Calgary's mark of 18.3 the year before but still well ahead of the second-place city in 2011: Toronto, with 12.6.

Lee Malleau of Calgary Economic Development credited Calgary's success as a head-

Fore!

Shaganappi Point Driving Range to open on Saturday

The city-run Shaganappi Point Driving Range is set to open this Saturday for the season.

The range will normally be open seven days a week

Employees surging

1,966

Of all provinces, Alberta had the largest increase in the number of head-office employees in 2011, with 1,966 more than the year before.

office destination to the city's strong economy and positive reputation as a place to live and raise a family.

"It's a really key factor today more than ever," she said.

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from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., but the city advised the hours of operation may change from day to day, depending on weather.

The range is located at 1200-26th St. S.W.

The City of Calgary operates eight golf courses in six locations. Additional opening dates will be announced at Calgary.ca. METRO

Engaging on engagement is less dull than it sounds, city assures



Rosanne Soldink operates the elevators at Calgary's Public Building, which are the last manually operated elevators in Western Canada. On Wednesday, the city will host a forum dubbed "Continue the Conversation" on the third floor, aimed at updating its 10-year-old policy on citizen engagement. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

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Come for the cookies and coffee, stay to write on the walls

The City of Calgary wants to engage the public over its public-engagement policy.

No, that's not a typo.

Rather, it's a serious undertaking that project lead Kathleen Long admits sounds kind of funny when you put it in

Quoted

"When people see that they've been heard ... that they've truly been heard, I think more and more people will participate, more and more people will see that this is a meaningful way to participate in the city."

Ald. Brian Pincott on improving the city's engagement policy

those terms.

"It's slightly ridiculous, actually," she said. "All I could think of was Monty Python. They would have a field day with this one."

Recognizing the topic is "a little dry and academic," Long and other organizers of a Wednesday public forum dubbed "Continue the Conversation" are doing their best to make it fun and appealing.

Participants will literally be able to write on the walls of the third floor of Calgary's aptly named Public Building. Long noted, and arriving there will involve an exhilarating ride on the last manually operated elevator in Western Canada.

The feedback received will help shape the way city staff interacts with the public in the future, said Ald. Druh Farrell.

"It will give them the tools to engage more effectively," she said.

The forum takes place from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at 201-8th Ave. S.E. To register, visit continuetheconversation-estw.eventbrite.ca.

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Yodeling Sausage really cut the mustard

Landmark on Stephen Avenue. Cook retiring for health reasons

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Calgarians were surprised to hear one of the city's most popular street-food vendors is retiring after serving lo-

cals for decades.

The Yodeling Sausage is packing it in at the end of the week after serving its famous German bratwurst for more than 30 years on Stephen Avenue. Owner Vlad Korolemko said he's enjoyed his time in Calgary.

"It's a great, beautiful city," he said.

The Yodeling Sausage is known for its long lineups in summer and unique baguettes and bratwurst.

"Some people like it hot, or with pork or beef," Korolemko said. "We have different kinds of sausages. Different people, different taste."

Korolemko said the main reason for the closure is the health of head cook Klaus Manahren, who's been there from the beginning.

"He's got a couple of health conditions that we have to check out," he said.

Regular customer Taylor

Clelland said he will miss the food stand but understands Manahren's well-being is more important.

"He's friendly and pretty much the foundation of this establishment," he said. "Best wishes to him and his family."

"I've tried other sausage vendors, but this is by far the best one," customer Tonya Wilson said. "Those who haven't tried it are definitely missing out."



A wurst-case scenario: Yodeling Sausage owner Vladimir Korolemko is packing up his food stand this week. DEREK QUAN/FOR METRO

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Transit tour a hot ticket

Ever wondered what it's like to go through a car wash in a C-Train? Calgary Transit is offering a rare look behind the scenes next month.

As of Tuesday afternoon, more than 200 people had signed up for tours of the Anderson Garage on April 20 and 21, spokesperson Stephen Tauro said.

"People will get to see things they don't get to see every day, like how do we clean the buses, how do we clean the C-Trains, what happens when a C-Train

Next stop, the C-Train

The idea is to show people all of the work Calgary Transit does to get the buses and cars out in service every day.

Stephen Tauro, Calgary Transit

or bus is damaged, how do we fix that and all the costs associated with that," Tauro said.

Calgary Transit Backstage

is modelled after Doors Open YYC, which offers a glimpse behind the curtain of several city buildings.

"Being able to see the C-Train or even a bus in a different light is something people are interested in," Tauro said. "It gives them a different perspective."

The one-hour tours run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. To register, call 262-1000 and press 9, between 8 a.m.-noon and 1:45-3 p.m., Monday to Friday.

KATIE TURNER/METRO

Hot off the grill

Indoor BBQ sickens three

An indoor barbecue led to a carbon-monoxide scare on Tuesday. Emergency responders were called to a townhouse on Ranchero Road N.W. at about 1 a.m. and found CO levels of 300 parts per million, a level that's harmful to humans. Three people were treated. The source was found to be briquettes meant to be burned outdoors. METRO

Burst pipe. Wastewater spills from oilsands plant into river

Wastewater that spilled at an oilsands plant in northern Alberta has been released into a nearby river.

The leak was discovered on Monday at a Suncor base plant north of Fort McMurray. Company spokeswoman Sneha Seetal said a pipe about four metres long and 10 centimetres wide froze and burst, sending "process-affected water" into an outfall pond containing treated water. Some of the fluid then

entered an approved discharge area containing clean water, and was released into the Athabasca River.

Seetal said it's not known exactly what was in the wastewater or how much of it was discharged. She said the company notified government officials at about 1 p.m. and the pipe was shut down three hours later. The move has not affected the plant's operations.

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Italian court orders retrial for Amanda Knox and ex-boyfriend

Protracted murder case.

Pair were convicted and later acquitted in slashing of roommate

Italy's highest criminal court ordered a whole new trial for Amanda Knox and her former Italian boyfriend on Tuesday, overturning their acquittals in the gruesome slaying of her British roommate.

Knox, now a 25-year-old University of Washington student in Seattle, called the decision "painful" but said she was confident she would be exonerated.

The American left Italy a free woman after her 2011 acquittal — but only after serving nearly four years of a 26-year prison sentence from a lower court that convicted her of murdering Meredith Kercher. The 21-year-old British

exchange student's body was found in November 2007 in a rented house the two shared in the Italian town of Perugia. Her throat had been slit.

Raffaele Sollecito, Knox's Italian boyfriend at the time, was also convicted, sentenced and later acquitted.

It could be months before a date is set for a fresh trial for Knox and Sollecito.

Italian law cannot compel Knox to return for the new trial and one of her lawyers, Carlo Dalla Vedova, said she had no plans to do so.

It was a tough blow for the former exchange student, whose parents have had to mortgage both their homes to raise funds for her lengthy, expensive defence.

Prosecutors alleged that Kercher was the victim of a drug-fuelled sex game gone awry. Knox and Sollecito denied wrongdoing and said they weren't in the apartment



Amanda Knox in 2011 after hearing the verdict that overturned her murder conviction. PIER PAOLO CITO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

that night, although they acknowledged they had smoked marijuana and their memories were clouded.

An Ivory Coast man, Rudy Guede, was convicted of the

Kercher slaying in a separate proceeding and is serving a 16-year sentence.

Whether Knox ever returns to Italy to serve more prison time depends on a string of ifs

and unknowns.

Whether Italy actually requests extradition will be a political decision made by a future Italian government.

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Prepared statement

Knox reacts

Knox said it was "painful to receive the news," after the trial showed the prosecution case was "unfounded and unfair."

"My family and I will face this continuing legal battle as we always have, confident in the truth and with our heads held high in the face of ... unreasonable adversity," the 25-year-old said in a statement Tuesday.

Mark Waterbury, author of *The Monster of Perugia: The Framing of Amanda Knox*, said, "It just amazes me that the system drags on ... when the case would have been thrown out in the United States long ago."

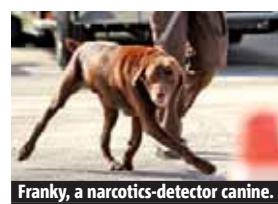
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War on drugs. Police went too doggone far in search, says U.S. Supreme Court

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that police violated a Miami-area homeowner's constitutional rights by using a dog to sniff outside the home being used to grow marijuana.

The court voted 5-4 to uphold a court decision throwing out the evidence seized because of Franky the dog's alert to police.

Justice Antonin Scalia said a house and its surroundings



Franky, a narcotics-detector canine. ALAN DIAZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

are constitutionally protected. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Royal Caribbean

Death on cruise 'suspicious': FBI

An FBI spokesman says a death aboard a Royal Caribbean cruise ship has been classified as suspicious.

The FBI is investigating the death of a 62-year-old Virginia woman who travelled on the *Enchantment of the Seas*. Royal Caribbean says the woman's husband found her body inside her cabin on Sunday.

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Toronto mayor rejects 'lies' of alcohol abuse

Toronto's embattled mayor is denying allegations that he showed up drunk for an official function last month, dismissing the latest controversy to plague his mayoralty as "lies after lies."

An agitated Rob Ford addressed the allegations briefly at a news conference Tuesday, blasting a Toronto newspaper for what he called its "relentless" attacks against him.

"It's the Toronto Star going

after me again," he said.

The Star reported Ford was asked to leave the Garrison Ball, which raises money for the Wounded Warriors charity, over concerns he was drunk.

It also said current and former members of Ford's staff have described a longtime battle with alcohol abuse.

The paper's report is based on several unnamed organizers and guests. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Rob Ford deflected the claims against him. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Moonshine, aftershave killing droves in ex-Soviet nations



A supermarket in Ternopil, western Ukraine. ROMAN ZACHARI/WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

Alcohol causes 40 to 60 per cent of premature deaths among working-age men and a third of women in the former Soviet nations, according to research from medical journal *The Lancet*. Homemade and non-commercial spirits are blamed, along with government failures, for the death of around a million people annually.

"The big problem is the easy availability of spirits from pharmacies, sold as products such as aftershave," Martin McKee, *Lancet* author and alcohol specialist at the London School

of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, told Metro. "Everyone knows about this, but there is a reluctance toward programs with a medical approach."

Of the 12 ex-Soviet states, Ukraine and Belarus are the greatest concerns, says McKee. "There are no restrictions, and the problems continue to grow."

Russia is one of the highest consumers of alcohol and has the highest risk rating from the World Health Organization. There has been progress — spirits are more tightly controlled, and beer has replaced

vodka as the most popular drink — but the problem is growing.

"Despite some advances, the situation is desperate," said Dr. Yury Razvodovsky, alcohol and drug researcher at Belarus' Grodno State Medical University. "It's crucial to improve the quality of licensed alcohol as many people believe homemade products are better, explaining the popularity of moonshine." Police must target illegal production, now a major industry, Razvodovsky added.

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Perils of alcohol

"The cause of two-thirds of alcohol mortality is sudden cardiac arrest with no warning," said Kirill Danishevsky, co-chair of Control Alcohol!, a Russian grassroots group.

- The *Lancet* report found that alcohol increased the risk of diseases such as tuberculosis.

- Drinking was tied to homicide rates.

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Harry in the U.S. Prince will keep his clothes on this time: N.J. governor

Gov. Chris Christie says no one will be getting naked when Prince Harry visits New Jersey in May.

A listener asked Christie on a radio call-in show Monday if there are any plans to make sure the prince behaves.

Christie says he'll be with Harry the entire time and that Queen Elizabeth II knows she can trust her grandson with the governor of New Jersey.

On his last U.S. visit, the

third in line to the British throne was caught frolicking in the nude with a woman in Las Vegas after an alleged game of strip billiards. The governor says lots of young people make mistakes.

Christie, speaking on TownSquare Media's Ask the Governor program, says he's thrilled the prince wants to see the damage caused by Superstorm Sandy and be helpful.

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Prince Harry gives a thumbs-up after playing a charity polo match in Campinas, Brazil, on March 11, 2012. St. James's Palace says Prince Harry is returning to the U.S., but this time he's skipping Las Vegas. ANDRE PENNER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE



London calling for some warmer weather

Icicles hang from a statue in Trafalgar Square, central London, in the midst of chilly conditions on Tuesday. The cold weather is predicted to continue in the coming days, with freezing temperatures and high winds hitting many regions of Britain.

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Judge Judy's son impeding child-rape case: Sheriff

Investigation.

Adam Levy, a New York attorney, denies allegations against him

A suburban district attorney who is the son of TV's Judge Judy is being accused of interfering in a child-rape case in which the suspect is his personal trainer.

Putnam County District Attorney Adam Levy has recused himself. But the local sheriff says Levy is still trying to influ-



Alexandru Ionut Hossu, 35, is charged with raping a 12-year-old girl in 2010.
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ence, and perhaps undermine, the investigation.

Levy says he has acted prop-

erly and the sheriff's allegations are unfounded.

The two officials have also argued over whether the suspect lived with Levy and whether Levy's recusal was his own idea.

The rape case is being prosecuted by the district attorney from neighbouring Westchester County. A spokesman wouldn't say whether Levy would be questioned.

Levy's mother, Judy Sheindlin of Judge Judy, says the investigation should focus on the rape case.

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Ownership claim

Facebook contract a fake: Judge

A New York man's multibillion-dollar lawsuit claiming half-ownership of Facebook should be dismissed, a federal judge recommended Tuesday. Siding with the company's founder, Mark Zuckerberg, Magistrate Judge Leslie Foschio said the contract on which Paul Ceglia based his case was faked. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wallaceburg, Ont.

Alleged meat thief tosses stolen items as he flees police

A hungry thief led police on a chase through the streets of a small southwestern Ontario town Monday, tossing pilfered meat on the ground as he fled.

The 27-year-old suspect was spotted at the No Frills grocery store in Wallaceburg — south of Sarnia

— around 6 p.m. Police say he attempted to leave the store without paying for about \$55 worth of meat.

Police responded and pursued the man along the road. During the chase, the alleged thief was observed throwing away packages of meat.

The suspect was eventually found hiding behind a housing complex and arrested. He has been charged with theft under \$5,000 and failing to comply.

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Coming to America

Romanian prosecutors break up trafficking ring

Romanian anti-crime prosecutors have searched tourism agencies in the south of the country on suspicion they are a front for trafficking of Romanians into the U.S. and Canada, through Mexico.

Prosecutors said migrants

initially travelled to Mexico and then paid \$8,000 to be taken across the border to the U.S., while others illegally travelled to Canada.

Prosecutors Tuesday searched eight tourism agencies and 13 homes in the city of Craiova. They said three men ran the ring, which netted more than \$1 million.

Some 600 people travelled to Mexico and of those, 300 were discovered in the U.S., prosecutors said.

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Poland

Trial opens for men accused of stealing van with coffins

Three men have gone on trial in western Poland suspected of stealing a van in Germany that contained 12 sealed coffins.

The men were arrested in Poland in October and the coffins — still con-

taining bodies — were found soon afterward in the woods near the western Polish city of Konin. The thieves had apparently dumped the coffins after they realized they had unwittingly stolen a van that was on its way to a crematorium.

The men who went on trial in Poznan on Tuesday could face up to 10 years in prison if convicted. Two more men are wanted over the theft. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Curfews in Myanmar as clashes spread

Religious tensions.

Unrest sparked last week in the central city of Meikhtila; clashes last year killed hundreds in the west



A Myanmar Muslim in Malaysia protests against the Meikhtila unrest, Monday. LAI SENG SIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Authorities in Myanmar imposed a dusk-to-dawn curfew in three townships on Tuesday after anti-Muslim religious violence touched new parts of the country, edging closer to the main city of Yangon.

State television reported incidents in the three townships all within 150 kilometres of Yangon. The latest attack Monday night was in Gyobingauk, where it said "troublemakers" damaged a religious building, shops and some houses. The report said similar attacks occurred Sunday night. Official reports use the term "religious buildings" in an apparent attempt to dampen passion, though in most cases the targets were reportedly mosques.

The announcement said an emergency law would be applied in the three townships

which will ban public assemblies, marches and speeches, and impose a 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew.

The unrest between Muslims and Buddhists began with rioting a week ago in Meikhtila.

The New Light of Myanmar newspaper said Tuesday that eight more bodies were found in Meikhtila in devastated areas set ablaze by anti-Muslim mobs during three days of rioting, bringing the death toll to 40.

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Hard times remembered

Former political prisoner Fatos Lubonja speaks in Tirana, Albania, on Tuesday during the inauguration ceremony of a memorial to commemorate all former political prisoners who suffered under the Communist regime of Albania's late dictator Enver Hoxha. The memorial is formed of a 2.4-tonne fragment of the Berlin Wall placed next to a concrete bunker and supports taken from a notorious mine in Spac, where political prisoners were once forced to work under the notorious Hoxha regime.

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Regulator ups capital buffer on 6 biggest banks

Too big to fail. Move aims to limit the chance a major bank 'would encounter distress or failure,' says OSFI head

The federal financial supervisor has slapped a too-big-to-fail label on Canada's six largest banks, declaring they will need to carry a bigger capital buffer and be subjected to stricter supervision than their smaller peers.

The Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions said Tuesday that the "systemically important" designation stems from a framework issued by the Basel committee on banking oversight in October that set out guidelines for assessing domestic financial institutions.

Coincidentally, the Bank of Canada announced it would regulate SwapClear, the dominant global system for centrally clearing over-the-counter interest rate swaps operated from the United Kingdom.

The central bank said SwapClear has the potential to pose systemic risk to the Canadian financial system, adding the new designation would make the system "safer and more resilient."

Under the new OSFI requirement, the Bank of Montreal, Bank of Nova Scotia,

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"I really do believe they are the most solid, secure, safest banks in the world and the World Economic Forum has said so five years in a row, so it's not just me saying that. We also have a very diligent regulator, unlike the Europeans."

Economics professor Ian Lee of the Sprott School of Business

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, National Bank of Canada, Royal Bank of Canada and Toronto-Dominion Bank will be subject to an additional one per cent capital buffer for risk.

The banks will need to have a common equity tier 1 ratio of eight per cent as compared with seven per cent for smaller, less important financial institutions as of Jan. 1, 2016. The OSFI changes are also designed to make Canada's leading banks more bullet proof in the event of a financial crisis.

"The measures ... are designed to limit the likelihood that a major bank would encounter distress or failure that could negatively impact the Canadian economy or taxpayers," OSFI head Julie Dickson said in a news release.

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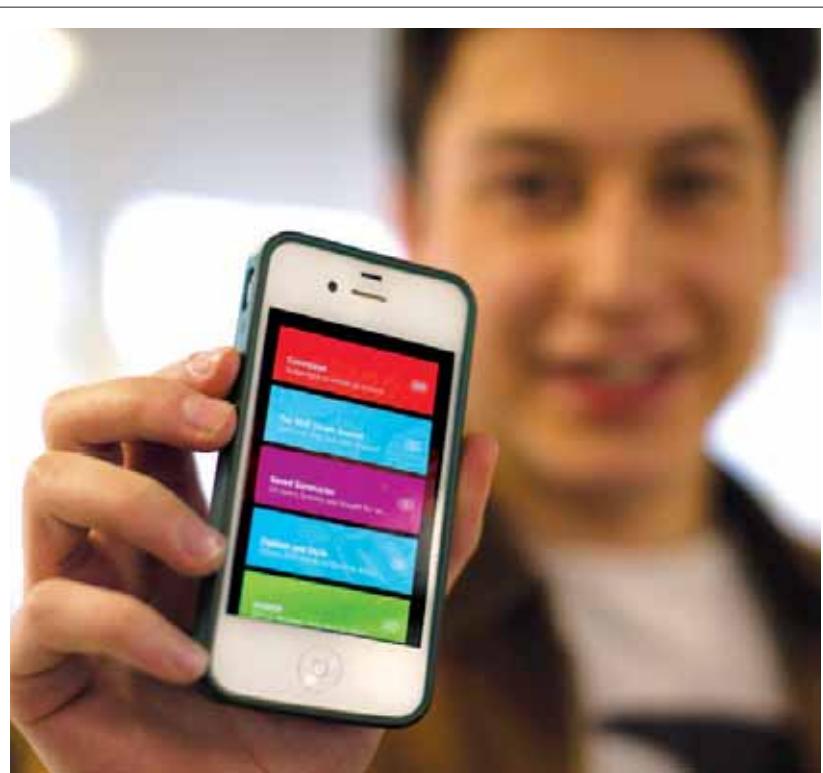
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Nick d'Aloisio, 17, displays his mobile application Summly in London on Tuesday. He has become one of Britain's youngest Internet entrepreneurs after selling the app to search giant Yahoo. d'Aloisio, who dreamed up the idea for the content-shortening program when he was studying for his exams, said he was surprised by the deal. As with its other recent acquisitions, Yahoo didn't disclose how much it is paying for Summly, although British newspapers put the deal's value at several million dollars. MATT DUNHAM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Say Yes to the Dress

Kleinfeld Bridal coming to T.O. Hudson's Bay

Canadian brides could soon be crying and gushing as they say 'yes' to the dress because retailer Kleinfeld Bridal is setting up shop

next year in Toronto. Hudson's Bay said Tuesday that the department store will have exclusive rights to the luxury brand in Canada. It plans to open a 20,000-sq.-ft. Kleinfeld salon in its Queen Street location.

Kleinfeld, first founded in 1941, is famous for its salon in the Chelsea district of Manhattan that features

thousands of designer gowns. But it has come to mainstream prominence through the TLC reality show, *Say Yes to the Dress*, where brides go in search of the ideal wedding gown.

The show usually ends with soon-to-be brides in tears as they say "yes" to their dream dress.

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Mortgages. BMO to end special low interest rate

Bank of Montreal will end a controversial low mortgage rate at the end of this week, when the limited-time offer runs out. The bank says the posted rate for a fixed five-year mortgage will return to 3.09 per cent, where it was before being lowered to 2.99 per cent.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty had called Bank of Montreal to express his disapproval of its decision to offer the special low rate starting on March 4. The minister also praised other banks when they didn't follow Bank of Montreal's lead, and had one of his officials make a call when Manulife later announced a rate cut. Manulife decided a day later to reverse its cut, but BMO kept its offer in place.

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WHEN YOU CAN'T BEAR PANDA HYPE

I'm not sure what it is about giant pandas.

Most of the time, they just sit there. The rest of the time they eat bamboo. Repeat.

But this week, two giant pandas are the toast of Toronto, and therefore the rest of Canada. China has loaned two of the rare bears to Canada — five years in Toronto, and then five in Calgary — and they landed at Pearson airport Monday, via FedEx.

Stephen Harper, who looks a little panda-esque himself, signed for the bears.

The rest of us will have to travel to Toronto or Calgary if we want to watch Er Shun (the girl panda) and Da Mao (the boy) just sit there and eat bamboo.

Of course, the other important panda viewing activity is watching them have sex. There are only between 1,500 and 3,000 of these bears left in the world, so whenever a pair overcomes the performance anxiety that goes with being a spectacle of international co-operation and



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produces a cub or cubs, there is much rejoicing.

There's even a form of pornography dedicated to encouraging pandas to get it on. It doesn't really work.

So Er Shun and Da Mao travelled 15 hours in a box to live in a zoo and get gawked at. Not a tantalizing prospect if you prefer the seclusion and serenity of the mountain forests of your natural habitat in Sichuan, China. But when you're on the Red List of Threatened Species, I suppose you should feel grateful you can still earn your bamboo by just sitting there, looking awfully cute.

So cute that Toronto hopes millions of people will line up to watch Er Shun and Da Mao just sit there, plus buy the inevitable panda spinoffs.

Of course, not everyone is enchanted by the pandamonium, especially those who think we should close all the

zoos and set the animals free into the wild.

Where, I might add, it is more than likely they will be systematically poached, climate-changed, overrun — and run over — into oblivion.

Any visit to a zoo these days is a depressing experience, not just because zoos are depressing places (spend some time watching morose gorillas behind glass: uplifting), but because there is literally no survival alternative for a vast array of species on display.

Zoos are, really, the last safe places for many animals. But only the cute ones — like pandas — or the interesting ones — like gorillas.

Ugly or nondescript critters just go quietly extinct without a fuss even from animal-rights advocates, who have a tendency to champion the poster pandas and leave the wart hogs to fend for themselves.

If you don't believe me, I leave you with a simple number, more eloquent than I will ever be: 200.

That's the number of species, according to the UN, that are gone every day.

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If sending a tweet is like tossing a pebble into the ocean, then these folks who repurpose them are the heroes sifting through the silt in search of pebbles they can polish to a shine.

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Albert Ormiston
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RE: U.S. Bars Test Boundaries of Legal Marijuana, published March 26

I think what Vapor Central, a vapor lounge in Toronto, provides is a very successful model: No alcohol allowed. Like myself, many cannabis users do not drink or want to be around drinking and drunks.

Jen B posted to metronews.ca

RE: How Twitter #Hashtags Are Invading Our Lives, IRL, published March 26

#sottrue I use hashtags online and verbally a lot. Especially to make a point or make a story more entertaining. For example I love to use #awkward, #romance and my all-time favourite #eyeroll!

Jen B posted to metronews.ca

RE: Tory Backbenchers Say They're Muzzled, published March 26

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ZOOM

Stop watching and start paddling



Ever see a shark attack in a pool?

Just when you thought it was safe to go back in the water ... there's a shark attack on your screen. A swimming pool in Leeds, England, has been transformed into a swim-along cinema.

The temporary set up at Bramley Baths featured a large projector screen and speakers streaming the audio both under and over the water.

For Jane Earnshaw, cinema organizer and festival director of I Love West Leeds Festival, coming up with the idea of a swim-along cinema was simple.

"In the past, our festival organized popup cinemas in parks and housing estates," she told Metro. "I wanted to have one in a local swimming pool and I thought to myself, 'What is the most iconic water movie?' There was only one answer and it was Jaws. It was an absolute cinch." **METRO WORLD NEWS**

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swimmers took part in the event. Another 25 visitors flanked the pool's balconies to watch Jaws. Previous quirky events at the venue have included a floating orchestra and an underwater art exhibition.



Max Irons and Saoirse Ronan star in *The Host* — an alien movie from the *Twilight* author. ALAN MARKFIELD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SCENE

Not your typical alien movie

The Host. The latest offering from the *Twilight* author flips the script on what has been the standard blood bath flick



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In *The Host*, the hotly anticipated new film written by *Twilight* scribe Stephenie Meyer, a parasitic alien is injected into the body of Melanie Stryder, played by Saoirse Ronan.

Sounds grim, but remem-

ber, this is from the lady who gave us sparkly vampires and undying love, so the alien inside is kind of a lovesick creature who helps the host body find her loved ones.

That's a lot more benign than other parasitic alien movies.

The most famous alien organism — in the movie *Alien*, naturally — literally burst on the screen, poking its horrible head through the chest of John Hurt in one of cinema's most indelibly creepy moments.

To get a natural reaction from his actors, director Ridley Scott didn't fully explain what was about to happen as they shot the scene.

"Everyone (on the crew) was wearing raincoats," said Sigourney Weaver. "We

should have been a little suspicious."

When the alien came careening out of Hurt's body the actors were genuinely surprised.

Blood oozed all over the set and the shock was so intense it's alleged that Veronica Cartwright passed out and Yaphet Kotto was so freaked out he went to his room and wouldn't talk to anyone.

Much less bloody is *The Puppet Masters*, which sees the earth invaded by alien "slugs" that piggyback on people's backs, controlling their minds.

Based on the Robert A. Heinlein 1951 novel, the film starred Donald Sutherland, who also appeared in one of the genre's classics, *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*.

Scary movie

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On the unforgettable scene in *Alien*

1978, that is truly chilling.

The story of alien infiltration — humans are being replaced one by one by emotionless ETs — was called "the best film of its kind ever made" by *The New Yorker*'s Pauline Kael and a movie that "validates the entire concept of remakes," according to *Variety*.

The strangest movie parasite wasn't an alien, but a bug that feeds on fear.

In the *Tingler*, these parasites attach themselves to their host's spine and tingle when the host is frightened or scared.

In its original 1959 run it was shown with the Percepto! gimmick that gave some of the theatre seats a small electrical jolt — or tingle — during the movie's climax.

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Keith Urban struggling to keep his fuse lit with lots on the go

New album. His *Light the Fuse* tour starts mid-summer but not before he lends his voice to *American Idol* and releases a new CD

Keith Urban's to-do list goes something like this: Provide the voice of reason on *American Idol*, choose and record songs for a new album, plan a tour of outdoor venues and arenas that starts this summer, co-ordinate and learn songs for an upcoming fundraiser concert, fly back and forth to London where wife Nicole Kidman is shooting a film, and carve out the right amount of time with his two young daughters.

"There's a lot of creativity happening right now," Urban said in a phone interview Monday.

"I'm also building a studio at my house, just for the heck of it. Why not? Let's do that, too. I had several meetings yesterday on a Sunday with various people, and it was like I'm choosing colour fabrics for something or other and thinking about the song I've got to cut in the studio today. Dear Lord."

American Idol

Urban's not even through his first season on the Fox network singing competition, but he already knows he'd consider doing it again if asked. He's managed to navigate early tensions between fellow judges Mariah Carey and Nicki Minaj, and

says he's getting to know the real people behind the on-air personas of his fellow judges, a group that also includes Randy Jackson.

His new album

Urban never set a formal release date, but feels like he's falling behind. He plans lots of guests, so that's slowed

things down as he's tried to integrate everyone's schedules. The album's release might not come until late summer.

The *Light the Fuse* tour, starting July 18

There may be something a little different for those who hit one of his outdoor



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Keith Urban has women everywhere hanging on his every word — which is good given that he has a lot to say and do these days. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

shows starting this summer, including his first trip to the Hollywood Bowl in Los Angeles. "There's a chance that we'll start the tour before the album comes out," Urban said. "That's never happened before."

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Just 'cuz she's country doesn't mean she can't talk pot

Kacey Musgraves hates the genre column on iTunes. It's the label to end all labels.

The 24-year-old Texas-born singer-songwriter is the focus of Nashville this week as she releases her new album *Same Trailer Different Park*.

She has two songs in the Top 20 at country radio and is on tour with Kenny Chesney. By the end of that sentence, like iTunes, you probably stamped the word country on her music. That's only partially true. Everybody's find-

ing out there's a lot more to Kacey Musgraves.

"My favourite compliment probably ever is when someone tells me, 'I don't like country music, but I like your music,'" Musgraves said. "It really stokes me out when I hear that. It's cool because I don't want to be defined by the iTunes label. So if I can just make good music that can appeal to a range of people, then I'll be happy."

So far, she's on target. Those songs, *Mama's Broken*

Heart

written for Miranda Lambert, and her own lead single *Merry Go 'Round*, have stormed right on up the radio airplay charts. Even the media types who often ignore mainstream country music are on board. Rolling Stone's Jody Rosen says in a four-star review, "The album showcases a songwriting voice you won't hear anywhere else in pop: young, female, downwardly mobile, fiercely witty." And Ann Powers of indie rock-focused taste-

maker NPR says it unfolds like a novel and considers it a "gift." "Pop desperately needs women artists like Musgraves — women who can tell the stories of their regular sisters and nieces and aunts and uncles and boyfriends in optimistic but realistic terms."

Musgraves sings of small-town lovable losers stuck in a loop on *Merry Go 'Round* and espouses smoking weed and erasing romantic gender lines in *Follow Your Arrow*. That's just the start. Musgraves has

delivered an album meant to gently, but pointedly, jostle the status quo.

"I would love to change things about country," she said.

"I think we need to be a little more accepting. If you listen to every other genre there's no issue talking about pot or homosexuality or atheism or whatever it is. But you move to our genre and you're like X'd if you bring up any of that."

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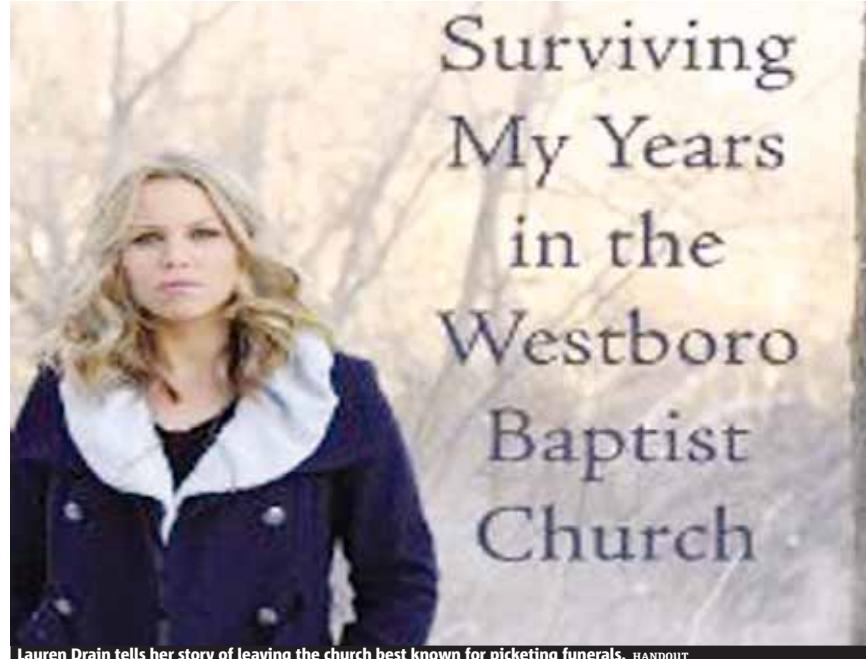
Tales from inside a notorious church

New book. Lauren Drain tells her story of how she was cut off from family, banished from Westboro Baptist Church

When Lauren Drain was 14, her father, a filmmaker, moved his family to Kansas to make a movie about the Westboro Baptist Church, the fundamentalist Christian church best known for picketing funerals. But he was soon captivated by Fred Phelps, the group's charismatic leader. The Drains joined the church, and Lauren spent her teens listening to their teachings. She tells her story in a new memoir, *Banished: Surviving My Years in the Westboro Baptist Church*.

How did Pastor Fred Phelps operate?

"At first, he kind of had this intimidating presence. Slowly, he kind of had this charisma. It's really hard



Lauren Drain tells her story of leaving the church best known for picketing funerals. HANDOUT

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"I was terrified of contacting my extended family. (My parents) did all these scare tactics, saying bad things would happen. My mind wasn't right for a good two years."

Lauren Drain

to describe. He had this grandfatherly presence. I would see how he dealt with his granddaughters — he seemed tenderhearted and to care about his family. When you see him on the picket lines or in public shouting, then you see him with his family, it's like two completely different personas. I got to see his nature with his family and thought, 'Oh, maybe he's misunderstood.' That was all in the beginning. It wasn't until later that I saw the hypocrisy."

What happened on the day you were banished from the

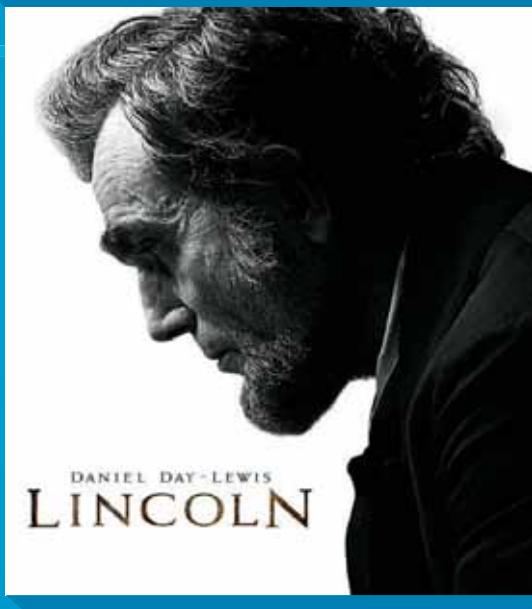
church?

"My father told me 'you're a bad influence on the kids. I don't want you in my home anymore. Pack your bags. I'll pay for your hotel for a few days, but you need to find another place to live.' They didn't even tell me what I had done. I was begging to stay because I did not want to leave my family. They dropped me off at the hotel and said 'don't contact us, you're on your own now.'"

Are you in contact with your extended family?

"I was terrified of contacting my extended family. (My parents) did all these scare tactics, saying bad things would happen. My mind wasn't right for a good two years. Finally, I realized nothing bad was going to happen to me. My extended family was not evil. People are not evil. I was slowly able to assimilate and stop judging people. I think I'm a better Christian. I want to show that people can change. I am not the same person I was years ago." METRO NEW YORK

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James Franco lets it spill on Hathaway and Lohan

James Franco insists he and Anne Hathaway have made peace with each other after their disastrous Oscars hosting gig two years ago.

"Anne and I made up, by the way. Let's just get that on the record," Franco told Howard Stern during an interview. "It was a really hard time after the Oscars. She wasn't mad at me, I don't think. She didn't say she was mad at me for what happened. The critics were so nasty."

The Spring Breakers star also addressed a rumour that he'd turned down an offer to sleep with Lindsay Lohan.

"I don't want to, like, brag about it. I don't know how that got out," Franco said.

Not trying to kiss and tell

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James Franco
Speaking about Lindsay Lohan asking him to have sex with her.



James Franco.
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"She was having issues even then, so you feel weird. Honestly, she was a friend. I've met a lot of people that are troubled, and sometimes you don't want to do that."

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Chris Brown trying to nurse his public blackeye

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Chris Brown was PR coached within an inch of his life before appearing on On Air With Ryan Seacrest yesterday.

How do we know?

The singer said everything that everyone wants him to say about his brutal assault of girlfriend Rihanna four years ago.

"I just tried my best to be the best man I could be over the years and just show her how remorse-

ful and sorry I was for the incident and that time was probably the worst part of my life and being that she has and she's a wonderful person I'm eternally grateful and thankful," he said about trying to make amends with her and the world.

And as for the backlash that the two are back together?

"People are entitled to their opinions. I can't go around blaming. It's all about my responsibility and me growing up as a man," he said. "So I think now that I'm becoming older, and trying to mature in this life under the public eye at all times, I have to focus on doing the right thing and being more of a humble individual."



Liam Hemsworth and Miley Cyrus

Cyrus and Hemsworth still working out their problems

Miley Cyrus and fiancé Liam Hemsworth are reunited after his four-week visit to his native Australia, and all the speculation about their relationship status "has caused a lot of stress" for them, according to E! News.

"There are some serious problems going on, but see-

ing them together, they do genuinely love each other and they really do want to work it out," a source says of the ordeal.

"His trip to Australia was a way for them to figure out what they wanted to do and have time to think for themselves."

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Most of downtown Amsterdam looks like one huge open-air museum and strolling its streets costs you nothing. Renting a bike is not free, but if you want to go native, it's the only way to travel. Just watch out for the traffic and tram rails.

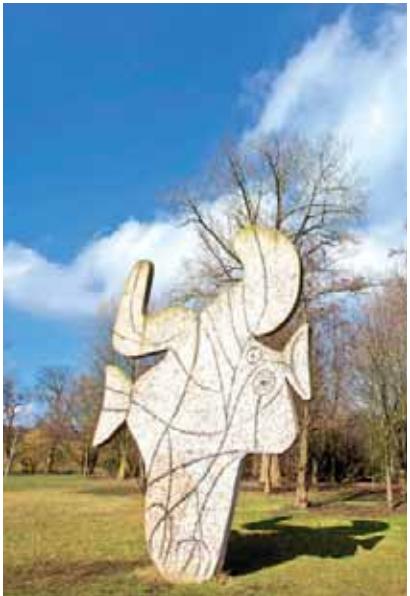
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The canals

Amsterdam's canals are 400 years old this year, but strolling along the waterways never gets old. The scenery includes Golden Age mansions dating to the 17th century, converted warehouses and narrow buildings that sometimes look like they're ready to topple over sideways. The ring of canals starts with the Singel, which boasts a floating flower market. Then come the Herengracht, Keizersgracht and finally the Prinsengracht. Once you've worked up a thirst pounding the cobbled sidewalks, stop off for a drink in one of the "brown cafés" — small bars named for their dark wooden interiors — along the canals or in the web of narrow alleys that interconnect them. If you visit the Red Light District (and most tourists do), you'll discover that it's also built around two historic canals.

5 Free things to do when in Amsterdam



Vondelpark

The city's most famous park is just a stone's throw from Museum Square and a great place for a picnic. The 116-acre park (47 hectares) has ponds, tree-lined pathways, kids' playgrounds, an open-air theatre and cafés. You can rent inline skates, but it's mainly just a great place to lay down a blanket and sit for an hour or two watching the world go by. Look out for the Picasso sculpture of a fish in one of its meadows.

Eye

One of Amsterdam's newest landmarks is a stark, white film institute, called the EYE, perched on the northern bank of the IJ waterway. While you have to pay to take in a movie, the cafe and its terrace are open to all who are prepared to buy a cup of coffee or light meal and offer a front-row seat to watch barges chug along the IJ against a backdrop of the city skyline. Remember that Amsterdam, at its heart, is a busy port. Getting there is another of the city's unsung pleasures — you squeeze onto a free commuter ferry usually crammed with cyclists from behind Central Station.



Begijnhof

The clatter of trams and ringing of bicycle bells can be an assault on the ears, but there's a hidden oasis of peace in the heart of Amsterdam if you need a little quiet time. The Begijnhof is a small grassed courtyard surrounded by beautiful 17th- and 18th-century houses that were originally built for pious Catholic single women. It's right in the middle of town and reachable by a gateway at the end of a lane leading off one of the city's busiest shopping streets, but it is almost eerily silent. The courtyard also holds a small English Reformed Church and a Catholic chapel. If you don't manage to get into the Rijksmuseum to see Rembrandt's Night Watch, right around the corner from the Begijnhof is another hidden (and free) gem of the city, the Schuttersgalerij, or Civil Guard Gallery, of the Amsterdam Museum.



Markets

Amsterdam's wealth began in its port with the merchants who bought and sold everything from tulip bulbs to spices from the East Indies. A little of that mercantile past can still be seen at the city's many markets. The most famous is the Albert Cuyp food market in the Pijp neighbourhood, which sells, as the city website puts it, everything from cheese to bicycle chains, six days a week. The prettiest is the Noordermarkt, a sort of grower's market that sets up each Saturday outside the historic Noorderkerk church, next to the Prinsengracht canal. The best flea market is at Waterloo Square every day except Sunday close to the Amstel River.

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Hawaii's islands — where the wild things are

Wow factor. The scenic volcano views and marine life are what make a trip out in the Pacific a bucket list must

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Hawaii is considered a trip of a lifetime for good reason. This paradise has wow factor everywhere you look — from fascinating creatures to fiery volcanoes.

My visit started off with meeting sea creatures. While snorkelling off a beach in Maui, I saw what looked like a volleyball stuck between two lava rocks. I reached out to get it and a long tentacle stopped me.

It wasn't a ball. It was an

octopus! We blinked at each other as if to say hello and he swam away.

I could hardly believe that for the cost of a \$5 snorkel set from the local Kmart, I got up close and personal with an octopus in waist-deep water. There's no need to go to the expense of scuba diving here. The sea creatures come to you.

The next day in Kona, Hawaii, while sunbathing on a beach, people around me started grabbing their cameras and pointing at the water. Huge whales were waving their tails at us from the distance.

These happy humpbacks usually hang out in Alaska, but from November to May, they vacation in Hawaii too.

If the marine life isn't enough to impress you, the volcanoes will. When I returned to our cruise ship, the NCL Pride that sails the islands year-round, we cruised past Kilauea, the most active

volcano in the world.

Bright red streams of lava flowed into the ocean while sparks of fire lit up the night sky. It's a dramatic sight.

Kauai is the emerald jewel of the Hawaiian chain, thanks to being born over a plume of hot magma a million years ago. While driving through the jungle, a huge, hairy wild boar shot out of the bushes and ran across the road. It was like seeing Pumba from the Lion King come to life.

However it's Kauai's Na Pali coastline that really steals the show.

Its green velvet valleys and razor-sharp, red-earth ridges made it perfect for the movie Jurassic Park. The mystical region is mostly inaccessible by land, except by hiking a rugged 18-kilometre path.

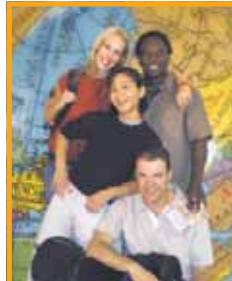
So the best way to appreciate the dramatic 900-metre cliffs is by ship or helicopter.

Natural wonders never cease in Hawaii. Even on our last day, when we had a few hours to fill before our flight, we visited the very cosmopolitan Waikiki. We walked along the beach to take a photo of the iconic Diamond Head.

While sitting on the pier, sipping our Starbucks, sea turtles the size of coffee tables swam by. My son shook his head and summed up Hawaii in one sentence. "This place is wild," he said.



Kauai is the emerald jewel of the Hawaiian chain of islands.



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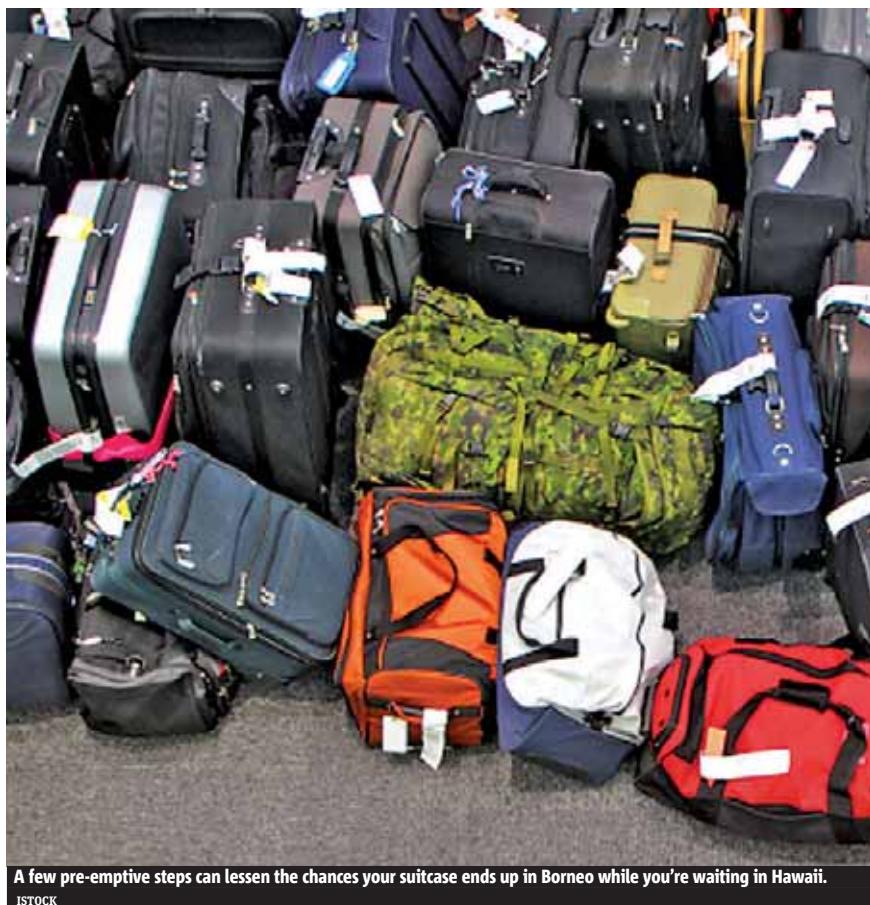


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Trip tips. Losing a suitcase is a worst-case travel scenario, but you can lessen the chances your bag ends up in limbo



ON THE MOVE
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A couple of years ago while travelling to attend a conference in Barcelona, the airline lost my luggage. To add to the pain, my seat mate on the plane accidentally dropped a bowl of cereal in my lap. Arriving in wet, dirty clothes with nothing to wear was a less than pleasant experience.

Unfortunately there is nothing you can do to guarantee

that your luggage makes the trip but there are a few ways to minimize the risk and the potential pain.

If it's convenient to your travels, choose an airline that has a good track record in ensuring on-time arrivals of baggage. There are several websites, like dot.gov/airconsumer, which will give you the latest statistics on how major carriers perform in this area.

When booking a flight try to make it's a direct one. The more changes, the greater the chance you or your bags could miss a connection.

Remove all old luggage tags from your suitcase before you arrive at the airport.

Label the bag inside and out with your contact information. By putting an address on the inside it ensures you can be reached even if your tags get ripped off. Use a work address versus your home address so

any potential thieves looking for houses to target come up empty handed.

Put important items such as medications and valuables in your carry on. You will not be reimbursed for all the items in a lost piece of luggage. Airlines have a maximum that they will pay per piece of luggage, regardless of the contents.

When it comes time to fly, don't check in late. Adhere to the schedule guidelines provided by the airlines. If you are running to make a flight so is your bag.

Don't forget to hang on to your baggage claim ticket as you will definitely need it should your bag go missing.

Finally, if you are travelling with someone else consider putting a change of clothes in their suitcase. So, if you are like me and crying over spilled milk ... in your lap, you will at least have something to change into.



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Ingredients

- 2 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1/3 cup oil
- 1 1/3 cups matzo cake meal
- 1/3 cup potato starch
- 3/4 cup semi sweet chocolate

2. Form into one log and place on baking sheet lined with foil and sprayed with vegetable oil.

3. Bake at 350 F, 30 minutes.

4. Lower oven to 300 F, let cookies cool for 15 minutes, then sliced into 1-inch biscuits, lay on side, and bake another 35 minutes.

5. Drizzle: Melt chocolate and oil in microwave for 2 minutes on defrost or until chocolate begins to melt. Whisk until smooth and drizzle over biscuits.



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Passover Food Facts

Here's some food info about the holiday commemorating the Exodus, the liberation of the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt in the time of Moses.

• **Yeast.** Food that contains yeast is prohibited during Passover.

• **Matzo.** Unleavened bread is a central feature of the festival. In addition, all leaven must also be removed from the house during Passover, a symbolic way of removing the "puffiness" (pride) from one's soul. Leaven includes anything made from the five major grains completely cooked within 18 minutes after coming into contact with water.

Reader's note

Not all Passover traditions are the same, so the dishes on this page may not meet all dietary requirements or restrictions.

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Sweet endings with Matzo Toffee Bars

1. Heat the oven to 375 F. Line a rimmed baking sheet with foil. Arrange the matzo in a single layer over the baking sheet. Set aside.

2. In a small saucepan over medium heat, combine the margarine and brown sugar. Stirring constantly, melt just until incorporated. Remove from the heat and stir in the vanilla. Pour the mixture over the matzo, then bake for 10 to 15 minutes, or until deep golden brown and bubbling all over.

3. Remove the baking sheet from the oven and immedi-

Ingredients

- 6 sheets matzo (or enough to cover a baking sheet)
- 1 cup (2 sticks) margarine
- 1 1/2 cups packed brown sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 1/4 cups chocolate chips
- Sea salt (optional)
- Slivered almonds, toasted (optional)



This recipe serves 18. MATTHEW MEAD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ately sprinkle with the chocolate chips. Wait 2 minutes for the chocolate to melt. Using a spatula, spread the chocolate in an even layer. Sprinkle with salt and almonds, if using. Transfer the baking

sheet to the freezer until set. Break into pieces, then store in an airtight container.

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Everyone lets their hair down once in a while, just have the good sense not to share evidence of the crazier times with the entire world. ISTOCK

Twits not welcome.

A recruiter reminds us how to easily avoid a social media mess

ASHLEIGH TRAHAN
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Before you post that picture of yourself doing body shots during your Cancun spring break, I would like to offer you some friendly advice on how potential employers might interpret your online behaviour.

You need to make sure that you are projecting the best possible image to future employers, in case anyone who's thinking about hiring you takes a quick second to Google your name. People will be assessing what you've posted to see if there are any photos, videos or all caps irrational ranting that raises a red flag about your judgment, awareness or intelligence.

A few common sense tips

can ensure that you come across as employable:

Think before you tweet ... about how bad your job is

I've seen far too many catastrophes caused by careless tweets. We've all witnessed heat of the moment tweets about someone's failing love life and epic drinking plans (please, spare us), but I especially urge caution when it comes to social posts about your job. It only takes one tweet along the lines of "This job is **** and everyone here is a ****" to get you fired.

The same applies if you decide to resign. Take a moment to reflect on how rejoicing publicly about your departure from your current boss, job or co-workers could appear. Perhaps your boss is in fact an evil fascist, and maybe your co-workers do give new meaning to the word psycho, but griping about work is never a good idea. Regardless of the situation, it can make you look like a whiner and/or jerk.

@ChangeYourName

Ditch the cheesy Twitter handle

- You should be showcasing the best possible image to potential employers and @lovemonkey1990 is sending all the wrong messages.
- Sticking to your name is safest, but if you choose to use a nickname, make it something that wouldn't make your Grandma blush.

Be truthful and consistent

Now that your social profiles (especially LinkedIn) are out there for anyone and everyone to see, you need to ensure you are telling a truthful, consistent story about yourself.

If your LinkedIn profile doesn't match up to your résumé, that will raise red flags and will quickly torpedo potential opportunities. Take

the same care in putting together an online profile as you would your résumé.

Maintain your personality and use it to your professional advantage

While you might think I would advocate for being a passionless yuppie robot on your social media profiles, that's not the case. Having a life outside of work makes you an interesting, well-rounded person, so maintain your unique qualities and pursuits in full view (as long as your pursuits are of the legal variety).

Remember to take the time to post updates about news and trends related to your industry. This will work to your advantage by showcasing your knowledge and interest in your field to potential employers.

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We all know that one person who seems to do nothing but post Facebook updates and tweet whatever random thought pops into mind.

(We'd be forgiven if we chose to ignore those nagging fingers pointing in our direction, too.)

But what if you could turn your aptitude with social media into a noteworthy career, one that not only puts you right where all the online action is, but gives you an opportunity to make a big difference as well?

That's exactly what Humber College grad Patrick Tackney did. Tackney first started working with his current employer, a retail clothing company, as a staff member at their flagship store in the Toronto Eaton Centre.



Tweeter-in-training?

What would be your advice to new grads hoping to follow a social media management career path, especially in retail?

- If you want to do work in social for a retailer, I highly suggest you work in the store first. This way you can really get to know the organization's corporate culture, and you get a really good idea of what the store is all about.

for him in mind.

Currently holding court as a social media manager and communications co-ordinator at H&M Canada, Tackney also notes that his job isn't just all about tweeting upcoming promos or posting pretty pictures on Facebook.

It's a serious job — one that requires deft communication skills and an extensive knowledge of, and experience with, marketing and public relations.

You won't find him complaining, though. If anything

else, he was made for this job. "I've always been active in social media in my personal life and showed an interest in it. To me, it was a perfect fit."

What are your responsibilities as a social media manager? What is a typical day like?

Every day is different. I oversee all of our social media planning, execution, monitoring and analysis. I also support the PR side of things, writing and editing copy, maintaining media lists, internal communications ... the list goes on!

What do you like best about the job?

The people I work with. I also love it when I get the chance to meet our fans and followers in real life at various events, such as a shopping event, for example. It really helps solidify the relationships we work so hard to create and maintain online. That's the key to successful social media.

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MLB

Romero to start season in Florida

Ricky Romero's encouraging start Tuesday was not enough to make up for a rocky pre-season.

The Toronto Blue Jays announced that the left-hander has been optioned to single-A Dunedin of the Florida State League.

The move came shortly after Romero picked up the win in Toronto's 6-3 victory over Pittsburgh. It was considered a make-or-break start for Romero, who had a decent outing but didn't do enough to make up for his spring struggles.

Blue Jays general manager Alex Anthopoulos said the left-hander simply ran out of time to make himself as good as he should be to be part of the club's rotation.

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NHL

Crosby's goal all Pens need in win over Canadiens

Sidney Crosby scored the game's only goal late in the second period and the Pittsburgh Penguins extended their winning streak to 13 with a 1-0 victory over Montreal on Tuesday night.

Pittsburgh goaltender Marc-Andre Fleury stopped all 22 shots he faced but did not play in the third period following a collision in front of the Penguins net. Tomas Vokoun filled in and made 15 saves to give Pittsburgh just the fourth combined shutout in franchise history.

Carey Price made 24 saves for the Canadiens.

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Calgary Flames goalie Miikka Kiprusoff is unable to make a glove save on a goal by Blackhawks defenceman Brent Seabrook, not shown, on Tuesday in Chicago. Goalie Ray Emery made 16 saves in the Blackhawks' 2-0 win. CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Emery snuffs out Flames for shutout

NHL. Goalie improves to 12-0 on season as Calgary suffers 10th straight road loss

Ray Emery made 16 saves for his first shutout in more than three years, defencemen Nick Leddy and Brent Seabrook scored, and the Chicago Blackhawks snapped a two-game losing streak with a 2-0 win over the Calgary Flames on Tuesday.

Emery improved to 12-0 in recording his 12th career shutout, and first since Feb.

1, 2010, when he blanked the Flames while with Philadelphia.

Emery was tested several times, but the Blackhawks outshot the Flames 35-16 in sending them to their 10th straight road loss (0-9-1).

Calgary hasn't won in the United Center in five years, going 0-8-1 in Chicago since beating the Blackhawks 4-2 on March 16, 2008.

Leddy and Seabrook's goals both deflected off Calgary goalie Miikka Kiprusoff, who stopped 33 shots. Patrick Kane assisted on both scores.

With the win, Chicago improved to 25-4-3 and remained

wards, Marian Hossa and Patrick Sharp. Hossa missed his third game with an upper-body injury and Sharp sat out his eighth with a shoulder injury.

Although Chicago dominated early, the Flames kept the Blackhawks penned in their zone at times late in the first.

Emery had to be sharp, including on a close-in chance by Jarome Iginla with 1:39 left.

Emery made a quick, point-blank pad save on Lee Stempniak 2:50 into the second following a Chicago turnover in the high slot to keep the Blackhawks ahead.

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On Tuesday

2

Blackhawks

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in first place overall in the NHL with 53 points.

Chicago ended its second two-game losing streak of the season following an NHL-record start of 24 games without a regulation loss.

The Blackhawks played again without two top for-

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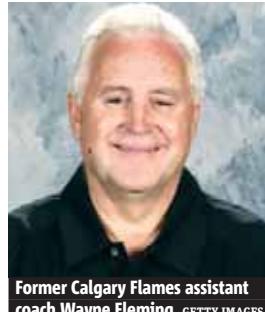
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Longtime NHL assistant Wayne Fleming dies

Forever a Flame.

'Talented' coach was with Calgary from 2006 to 2008, won Olympic gold, silver with Team Canada



Former Calgary Flames assistant coach Wayne Fleming. GETTY IMAGES

Longtime NHL and former Calgary Flames assistant coach Wayne Fleming has died at age 62 after a battle with brain cancer.

Fleming's career in the NHL spanned 14 seasons with the New York Islanders, Phoenix Coyotes, Philadelphia Flyers, Calgary Flames, Edmonton Oilers and Tampa Bay Lightning.

"Thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Fleming

family," tweeted Lightning star Steven Stamkos.

Fleming also coached internationally, including stints as head coach of Leksand in Sweden, EV Landshut in Germany and Avangard Omsk in Russia.

The Winnipeg native was part of three Olympic coaching staffs for Canada, winning a silver medal in Albertville in 1992 and a gold medal in Salt Lake City in 2002.

Fleming was an assistant coach with the Flames from 2006-08 before serving as head coach of Omsk in 2008-09.

"The hockey community has lost a wonderful family member today with the passing of Wayne Fleming," Flames president and CEO Ken King said in a statement. "Wayne was a great coach, a tremendous family man and friend to us all."

Canadian star Hayley Wickenheiser called Fleming "one of the great contributors to Canadian hockey and a wonderful man." THE CANADIAN PRESS

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Miami	56	14	.800	—
x-New York	43	26	.623	12 ^{1/2}
x-Indiana	44	27	.620	12 ^{1/2}
x-Brooklyn	41	29	.586	15
Chicago	38	31	.551	17 ^{1/2}
Atlanta	39	32	.549	17 ^{1/2}
Boston	36	34	.514	20
Milwaukee	34	35	.493	21 ^{1/2}
Philadelphia	27	43	.386	29
Toronto	26	44	.371	30
Washington	26	44	.371	30
Detroit	24	48	.333	33
Cleveland	22	47	.319	33 ^{1/2}
Orlando	18	53	.254	38 ^{1/2}
Charlotte	16	54	.229	40

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-San Antonio	53	17	.757	—
x-Oklahoma City	52	19	.732	—
x-L.A. Clippers	48	22	.686	5
x-Denver	49	23	.681	5
x-Memphis	47	23	.671	6
Golden State	41	31	.569	13
Houston	39	31	.557	14
L.A. Lakers	36	35	.507	17 ^{1/2}
Utah	35	36	.493	18 ^{1/2}
Dallas	34	36	.486	19
Portland	33	37	.471	20
Minnesota	25	44	.362	27 ^{1/2}
New Orleans	25	46	.352	28 ^{1/2}
Sacramento	25	46	.352	28 ^{1/2}
Phoenix	23	48	.324	30 ^{1/2}

x = clinched playoff berth; y = clinched division.

Tuesday's results

New York 100 Boston 85
Minnesota 105 Detroit 82
L.A. Clippers at Dallas
Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern
Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Boston at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Memphis at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Indiana at Houston, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Denver at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Utah, 9 p.m.
Brooklyn at Portland, 10:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Note: A team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OL (other loss) column.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	34	26	8	0	117	84	52
New Jersey	33	15	11	7	82	89	37
N.Y. Rangers	32	16	13	3	78	78	35
N.Y. Islanders	33	15	15	3	96	107	33
Philadelphia	32	13	17	2	84	99	28

NORTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Boston	31	21	7	3	89	66	45
Montreal	32	20	7	5	98	78	45
Ottawa	33	18	9	6	86	72	42
Toronto	34	18	13	3	102	97	39
Buffalo	33	13	16	4	87	102	30

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Winnipeg	34	18	14	2	88	99	38
Carolina	31	15	14	2	86	90	32
Washington	33	15	17	1	94	93	31
Tampa Bay	33	14	18	3	105	99	29
Florida	34	9	19	6	80	119	24

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Tuesday's results

Chicago 2 Calgary 0
Edmonton 3 St. Louis 0
N.Y. Islanders 3 Washington 2
N.Y. Rangers 5 Philadelphia 2
Pittsburgh 1 Montreal 0
Tampa Bay 2 Buffalo 1
Toronto 3 Florida 2
Winnipeg 4 Carolina 1
Columbus at Vancouver
Monday's results

Boston 3 Toronto 2
Detroit 3 Phoenix 2
Los Angeles 5 Chicago 4
Minnesota 7 Dallas 4
Nashville 3 Edmonton 2
Ottawa 3 New Jersey 2 (SO)
San Jose 5 Anaheim 3
Wednesday's games

All Times Eastern

Montreal at Boston, 7:30 p.m.

Phoenix at Minnesota, 9 p.m.

Colorado at Calgary, 10 p.m.

Anaheim at San Jose, 10 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pt
Crosby, Pgh	14	39	53
Stamkos, TB	22	19	41
Kunitz, Pgh	19	22	41
St-Louis, TB	7	33	40
Kane, Chi	17	22	39
Getzlaf, Ana	12	25	37
Staal, Car	14	21	35
Kadri, Tor	14	21	35
Datsyuk, Det	11	24	35
Tavares, NYI	19	15	34
Ribeiro, Wash	10	24	34
Vanek, Buf	16	17	33
Moulson, NYI	11	22	33
Toews, Chi	16	16	32
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Voracek, Pgh	13	19	32
Duchene, Col	12	20	32
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Ovechkin, Wash	16	15	31
Parenteau, Col	14	17	31
Neal, Phg	17	13	30
Kopitar, LA	10	20	30
Kessel, Tor	10	20	30
Semin, Car	8	22	30

Not including Tuesday's games

Looking out for No. 1: New Woods ad ruffles feathers

Golf. Nike says promo meant as salute to recent win, not Tiger's past marital misfortunes

Maybe winning doesn't take care of everything.

Nike is causing a social-media storm with its latest online ad showing a picture of Tiger Woods overlaid with a quote from him: "Winning takes care of everything."

The ad, posted on Facebook and Twitter, is supposed to allude to the fact that the golfer recovered from career stumbles to regain his world No. 1 ranking on Monday. But some say it's inappropriate in light of Woods' past marital woes. It's the latest controversy from the athletic giant.

Woods has long used the phrase — at least since 2009 — whenever reporters ask him about his or other golfers' rankings.

The ad has garnered hundreds of comments, many congratulating Woods on the ranking, but others com-

Davis Cup tennis

Canada sticks with winning formula for clash with Italy

Canada hopes that the same players who upset Spain two months ago can do it again against Italy in the Davis Cup quarter-finals.

Milos Raonic will lead Canada into the April 5-7 series in Vancouver joined by Frank Dancevic, Vasek Pospisil and Daniel Nestor, Tennis Canada announced Tuesday.

They will be up against an Italian squad similar in strength to the No. 1-ranked Spanish side they beat 3-2 in February minus Rafael Nadal and David Ferrer.

"The Italians have good depth as a country," Davis Cup captain Martin Laurendeau said on a conference call. "The Spanish team in Vancouver and the Italian team we find are similar enough that we can plan accordingly." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Some say this Nike ad, posted all over social-media sites, is inappropriate in light of Tiger Woods's past marital woes. **NIKE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

menting that the ad sends the wrong message in light of Woods' past problems. His five-year marriage to Elin Nordegren collapsed in 2010 after multiple affairs came to light.

Others responded on Twitter. Annie Kessler, 25, in Columbus, Ohio, tweeted that the ad was a "poor choice" for Nike. She said in an interview that she felt compelled to tweet because even though she understands why Nike would want to promote Woods, the phrase itself is inappropriate

because of Woods' past infidelity.

Nike spokeswoman Beth Gast said that the ad references Woods' refrain that he competes to win.

"When asked about his goals such as getting back to number 1, he has said consistently winning is the way to get there," she said in an email response to a query. "The statement references that sentiment and is a salute to his athletic performance."

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UFC 158. Diaz challenges St-Pierre's weight after pre-fight video surfaces

Nick Diaz's camp is alleging improprieties surrounding the UFC 158 weigh-in and drug testing.

The California welterweight lost a five-round decision to champion Georges St-Pierre on March 16 at Montreal's Bell Centre.

Since then, a video shot backstage at the weigh-in has raised questions about the Quebec athletic commission (Régie des Alcools des Courses et des Jeux), showing that it treats 170.9 pounds the same as 170.

Diaz was announced at 169 pounds at the weigh-in while St-Pierre was 170 — the welterweight limit.

The Diaz camp suggests the champion's exact weight may never be known.

"In the circumstances, Mr. St-Pierre remains legally and ethically obligated to fight Mr. Diaz at 170 pounds or else va-



Georges St-Pierre holds ice to his head after fighting Nick Diaz at UFC 158 in Montreal on March 16. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

cate the belt in favour of those prepared to fight at welterweight," Jonathan Tweedale, a Vancouver lawyer for the Diaz camp, said in a statement.

Traditionally fighters are given an extra pound at weigh-ins. So a welterweight can weigh in at 171 pounds, one above the limit. But that extra pound is not allowed in the case of championship bouts.

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California coronation in D.C.

Los Angeles head coach Darryl Sutter watches as U.S. President Barack Obama head-butts a soccer ball during an event to honour the 2012 seasons of the Stanley Cup champion Kings and the MLS champion Los Angeles Galaxy at the White House on Tuesday. **SUSAN WALSH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

MLB

Yankees complete deal for Wells

A trade sending outfielder Vernon Wells from the Los Angeles Angels to the New York Yankees was finalized Tuesday.

New York dealt a pair of minor leaguers to the Angels on Tuesday for Wells: Outfielder Exirrado Cayones and left-hander Kramer Sneed. The Angels will pay about \$28.5 million US of the \$42 million Wells is owed over the final two seasons of his contract. The Yankees will pay most of his salary this year, a move designed to help the Angels stay under the luxury-tax threshold of \$178 million.

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New Yankees outfielder Vernon Wells **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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2014 Jeep Grand Cherokee

- Type.** Four-door, front-wheel-drive compact sedan
- Engines (hp).** 3.6-litre DOHC V6 (290); 5.7-litre OHV V8 (370); 3.0-litre DOHC V6 turbo-diesel (240)
- Transmissions.** Eight-speed automatic
- Base price (including destination).** \$41,600

4x4

The Grand Cherokee continues with three different 4x4 systems: single-speed Quadra-Trac I; Quadra-Trac II with a two-speed transfer case (low range for severe off-roading); and Quadra-Drive II that can direct torque to a single tire instead of just front to back.

Engine

For 2014 an all-new V6 turbo-diesel comes on-stream. Although it has the same 3.0-litre displacement offered on the 2007/08 GC (that was sourced from Mercedes-Benz), the new version is built by an Italian supplier, which is understandable given Fiat's dominating control of Chrysler. Its 240 horsepower and 420 pound-feet of torque trump the previous 215/376 ratings.

Jeep is reinforcing its new cleaned-up turbo-diesel by labelling it the "EcoDiesel." Maintaining its clean bill of health involves the injection of a substance known as urea into a chamber just ahead of the muffler. The organic-based compound reacts with and neutralizes the engine's nitrogen oxide gasses. It then burns off the remaining soot and expels what little is left. The 30-litre urea reservoir should last for about 16,000 kilometres before requiring a \$50 to \$60 top-up.

Transmission

The other component added to the EcoDiesel mix is an eight-speed automatic transmission. In fact, all Grand Cherokee power plants will be connected to the new gear changer. Jeep says it provides quicker acceleration, smoother shifting and improved fuel economy. The rear-wheel-drive EcoDiesel GC is rated at 10.3 l/100 km city and 7.1 highway. By comparison, the base gasoline 3.6 earns a 12.3/7.9 rating.

Review. Is it a case of 'adapt or die,' or is it just along for a high-tech ride?

MALCOLM GUNN
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Sport utility vehicles might be fading from the automotive landscape, but at least a couple of Chrysler's Jeep-branded models tenaciously hold firm to the go-anywhere concept.

Of course Jeep's warrior-inspired Wrangler is the group's undisputed icon, but there's certainly nothing old-fashioned about the updated Grand Cherokee that's now rolling off the assembly lines. The new 2014 model shows a freshly scrubbed face plus some major adjustments under the hood.

The current-generation GC that arrived for the 2010 model year was a hit right out of the gate with stylish looks,

sure-footed suspension and a smooth-running 290-horsepower V6 engine. The 360- and 470-horsepower "Hemi" V8 options (the latter attached to the super-swift SRT model) have added considerable performance luster to the lineup, but it's the fuel-efficient V6 that has contributed the most to the GC's continuing popularity.

Opting for the EcoDiesel adds \$5,000 to the \$56,600 price tag of the Grand Cherokee Overland (the base 3.6 Laredo starts at \$41,600). Factor in the extra cost of diesel fuel, and the EcoDiesel upgrade doesn't seem quite so tempting.

But the 3,265-kilogram tow rating matches the 5.7-litre V8's while providing a 550-kilogram advantage over the gas V6 models. And the estimated 1,170 maximum cruising range might persuade buyers to seriously consider the extra expenditure, especially if towing is in the cards.

Returning is Jeep's available air suspension with five



There are new LED lights front and back, which is the norm these days.

separate height settings, along with Selec-Terrain that allows the driver to adjust the 4x4 and height/transmission settings for sand and mud, snow, rock or sport. The latter reduces the degree of traction control, lowers the ride height and directs extra torque to the rear wheels.

The GC's drivetrain components are housed in a sleeker-looking body featuring a restyled front end that varies slightly depending on the trim level selected. Inside, the cabin has been retaillored and the control panel redesigned

to accommodate the new 12.7- and optional 21-centimetre touch-screens.

All but the base Laredo arrive fairly geared-up, but the luxury-laden Summit edition with its lacks-for-nothing content level is set to compete with any top-end German or Japanese competitor you would care to name.

The physical improvements and expanded engine lineup make the Grand Cherokee an even more complete package and an exemplary member of the dwindling sport ute fraternity.

By comparison



1 Ford Explorer 4x4
Base price: \$34,700



2 Toyota 4Runner
Base price: \$39,600



3 Land Rover LR2
Base price: \$41,300

Used CC: Sensible style and luxury

Second Gear.

2009 to 2012
Volkswagen Passat CC

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Bringing Volkswagen's presence into the world of so-called four-door coupes, the VW Passat CC packed four doors onto a low-slung, sleek body that wouldn't look out of place on a sports coupe. Designed for elegance and an upscale, sophisticated look, the Passat CC was an affordable head-turner packed full of premium features. Note that the Passat was also available in a more traditional sedan or station wagon model for shoppers requiring something more mainstream.

Common Issues

Triple-check all interior electronics, including the windows, motorized seats, sunroof and stereo/navigation system.

Ensure the engine operates smoothly at idle, and at light, moderate and full throttle while driving. Hesitation or "lumpy" power delivery, possibly accompanied by a check-engine light, could be the result of one or more faulty ignition coil packs, which power the vehicle's spark plugs. VW's ignition coil packs are well known to be failure-prone, though they're relatively inexpensive and simple to fix.

Shifting issues on a model



with the DSG transmission could be caused by a faulty mechatronics unit, which controls the advanced gearbox. Opt for a model with the manual transmission to be safe, where possible.

The available 3.6-litre V6 engine had numerous well-documented examples of engine failure in earlier Passat models, though it's relatively unclear if the issue (failure of a bolt within the engine) had been fixed by the time the CC rolled around. Opt for a four-cylinder model where possible.

Engines

 Power came from a 2-litre turbocharged four-cylinder engine with 200 horsepower, or a 3.6-litre V6 with 280. The four-cylinder model came in front-wheel drive only, and with DSG or manual transmission choices. The V6 could be teamed only with a six-speed automatic and all-wheel drive.

What owners like

 CC owners rave about a comfortable interior, plenty of creature comforts, a high-dollar feel and smooth, quiet ride. A sense of pride, expensive looks and styling are also highly rated, and most owners say performance is more than adequate.

What owners dislike

 Some owners wish for more rear-seat room, better outward visibility and a fully-functional moonroof, as the factory unit only tilts and doesn't slide. Taller drivers may wish for more headroom.

SUBMITTED
For low running costs and higher potential reliability, a four-cylinder model with the manual transmission is your best bet. A well-maintained model should provide access to a driving experience with higher-than-average levels of refinement and enjoyment relative to its price.

Verdict

Parking meters are a window into the soul

Auto Pilot. What your parking meter usage reveals about you



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A parking meter is not just a device to pay for street parking. How a person uses or doesn't use a parking meter says a lot about them.

If you find yourself drunk and sawing the heads off parking meters, like Paul Newman's character did in the movie Cool Hand Luke, it probably says you should back off the booze a bit.

Otherwise, it might be about how much risk you're

willing to take. My friend Bob and I usually take turns driving to our downtown badminton club. There's pay-enforced street parking until 9 p.m. If he drives and it's 8:45 p.m., he doesn't think twice about rolling the dice with the parking meter police.

When I'm driving, I always make sure I'm paid up until 9 p.m. I don't like gambling of any kind. So there's that, and the fact that during one bad spell I got so many parking meter-related tickets out of carelessness that I gave up.

I pay even if it's just a minute to run in for coffee. I overpay even. The parking meter people won. They beat me down like a pack of young boys in a circle trying to kill a snake in long grass, with shovels.

Another badminton mate, Robert, goes a bit out of his

way to find non-metered (and free) parking. He does this not because he's cheap, but because he's principled. He can't abide the reality that he could drive his car continuously on the streets 24/7, but the second he stops on the side of the road he has to pay.

He reasons it's the same piece of pavement, as a taxpayer, that he has already paid for. He's got a point, and it got me thinking about a new use for self-driving vehicles — as drones to make sure you never have to stop for pay-enforced parking.

Nothing enrages people like that yellow parking ticket under the wipers. People fight parking tickets with the energy, vehemence and resolve usually reserved for toppling corrupt regimes. This could reveal that you

Parking meter fun facts!

- In 1960, New York City hired its first crew of meter maids — all women. The first man was hired in 1967.
- Chicago has North America's highest downtown parking meter rates — \$6.50 per hour.

have untapped reserves of chutzpah. Or that you should be chilling out a bit more ... maybe try pilates.

At this point, wanna joke about a parking ticket? No. Fine. Apparently that's an actual joke about a parking ticket. See, even the jokes about parking tickets suck. Parking tickets are not cool.



Parking meters are seemingly banal, but oh-so telling. iSTOCK



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For pets sake, everyone should buckle up

Driving Force. Your pet can become a deadly projectile in an accident, so keep them restrained

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You wouldn't drive even a few blocks without buckling up your children, but what about your pets? Letting them ride unrestrained can pose a serious danger to the pet, to people in the car and even to first responders if something happens and you need help.

Pets are safest when tethered in the rear seat, says Christina Selter, editor at safety advocacy group BarkBuckleUP. "They can sit down or move around, but they can't fall off the seat, and they can't get out of the vehicle," she says.

Your steering wheel and dash contain airbags that can deploy at 300 km/h in a crash. If your dog is on your lap, the airbag will kill it. It will also slam the animal into your ab-

domen, causing internal injuries. It's also distracting to drive with a pet on your lap, and your steering ability is severely limited, especially in emergency situations.

If your pet gets behind the brake pedal — a favourite spot for cats — you'll cause serious injury when you hit the brakes, and you won't be able to stop safely.

As well, an unrestrained animal can fly through the car with deadly force. Selter says that if you crash at just 56 km/h, your 27 kg dog will become a 1,224 kg projectile that can seriously injure or even kill human passengers.

Your dog could become territorial with first responders, preventing them from helping you, or your frightened pet could bolt from the car if someone opens the door. This could result in the animal being run over, or even cause another collision as drivers try to avoid it.

Pet stores sell harnesses that secure to the car's seat belts (never buckle them in with a collar), but make sure the leash is short enough that

More pet-safety tips

- Don't restrain your dog with a thin-strapped walking harness. Travel harnesses have wider straps, which help to avoid internal injuries.
- A pet can sustain fractures just by falling off the seat when you hit the brakes.
- Never let your dog ride in an open pickup truck bed, where even a fender-bender could be fatal.

the animal can't tumble off the seat. If you use a carrier, secure it with a seat belt so it doesn't bang around in a crash.

"Pets will get used to a travel safety product," Selter says. "Let them wear it around the house and praise them for wearing it. Do short rides at first, until they are used to whatever product you choose to use. Also, pick something that is easy for you. Most people don't use a product because it isn't easy, so find one you like."



BarkBuckleUP says it's best to tether pets in the rear seat. BARKBUCKLEUP

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Team ready to roll in Eco-Marathon

Energy-efficiency.

Students to race their automotive inventions powered by various fuels and battery systems in Houston

Toronto to Wawa — about 900 kilometres — on a litre of gasoline may seem impossible.

Not to the University of Toronto's Supermileage team, as engineering students aim to get just that kind of mileage at Shell's Eco-Marathon Americas in Houston, April 5 to 7.

The seventh annual Eco-Marathon, held in the Americas, Europe and Asia, challenges university, college, and high school students around the globe to design, build and run their energy-efficient automotive inventions powered by various fuels and battery systems.

Going the furthest on the least amount of energy is the goal. Entrants are awarded in categories that include ingenuity in eco-design, safety

and technical features as well as for their perseverance and team spirit.

A record was set last year when the Mater Dei High School team from Evansville, Indiana got the equivalent of 880 km/litre with their motorized prototype.

These U of T engineering students have worked together the past 18 months planning to raise the fuel efficiency bar even higher with their entry: Journey 1.

Powered by a 1.3 hp, custom fuel-injected Honda leaf blower motor, with their own carbon fibre designed body on an aluminum tube frame and chassis that all weighs less than 45 kilos (100 pounds), Journey 1's team members are confident their vehicle will easily maintain the minimum required competition speed of 24 km/h, and even hit 35.

It's the first year Toronto's U of T students have entered the contest, which Quebec's Université Laval has won three times, and they are up to the challenge.

"A lot of teams have a previous year's car to work on, their



From left, Michael Stranges, Tabish Gilani, Monika Torio, Jonathan Hamway and Kunal Taneja are five of the eight Supermileage team members heading to compete in the Shell Eco-Marathon Americas race in Houston from April 5 to 7. HENRY STANCI/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

benchmark, but we've had absolutely nothing to work off of. We had to start from scratch," said Jonathan Hamway, one of the Supermileage team's senior members, all of whom are working on internship jobs during a gap period between their third and fourth year of engineering studies.

"I was excited to join the

design team because I'm really into cars," said first-year student Tabish Gilani, one of the eight-member group's youngest participants. "I've really learned a lot working in a team that has a common goal."

Involving both younger and older students is the key to establishing a solid foundation. "The best way to do that

is by building with junior students who will keep the torch going," said David Sinton, a U of T mechanical engineering professor and director of the school's Institute for Sustainable Energy.

The eco-marathon course is nearly a kilometre on city streets circling the 12-acre Discovery Green Park

in downtown Houston. The teams from Brazil, Canada, Guatemala, Mexico and the U.S. must complete 10 laps.

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Horoscopes

 **Aries**

March 21 - April 20

There is no point trying to convince people who don't want to be convinced. The only way you can win over those who doubt you is by practicing what you preach.

 **Taurus**

April 21 - May 21

There may be a pile of work that needs to be done but does it have to be done immediately? Of course not. Stay calm and make today a day of relaxation.

 **Gemini**

May 22 - June 21

You probably don't care in the slightest that not everyone approves of your methods. That's fine, but don't antagonize people for the sake of it. Haven't you got enough problems already?

 **Cancer**

June 22 - July 23

Both career and family matters may be under heavy influences at the moment but in a matter of days you will realize there was precious little to really be worried about. A sense of humour is a must.

 **Leo**

July 24 - Aug. 23

Travel plans may not run smoothly today and although you may take delays in your stride other people will get hot under the collar. Make things easier for yourself, and others, by not making last minute changes.

 **Virgo**

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Today's full moon may have you behaving in irrational ways, so wait a day before making important decisions. Do something positive and try not to give yourself too much time to think.

 **Libra**

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

More than likely you will find yourself at odds with loved ones. If you get through the day with no blazing rows, you will have done very well indeed.

 **Scorpio**

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

With the right attitude, all things are possible. With the wrong attitude even the smallest of problems seems insurmountable. Keep that thought in mind and you will find it easier to smile and get through the day.

 **Sagittarius**

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You are acutely aware of injustice but sometimes you see injustice where it does not in fact exist. Be careful what causes you get involved in today because your emotions may be a little bit off-centre.

 **Capricorn**

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You know what you like and you don't care if no one else on the planet agrees. You may face considerable opposition today but in a strange way it will energize you.

 **Aquarius**

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Why do so many people you don't like insist on getting close to you? Maybe it's because your subconscious is attracting them. Or maybe they're in the mood for a fight. Either way, there will be ructions today.

 **Pisces**

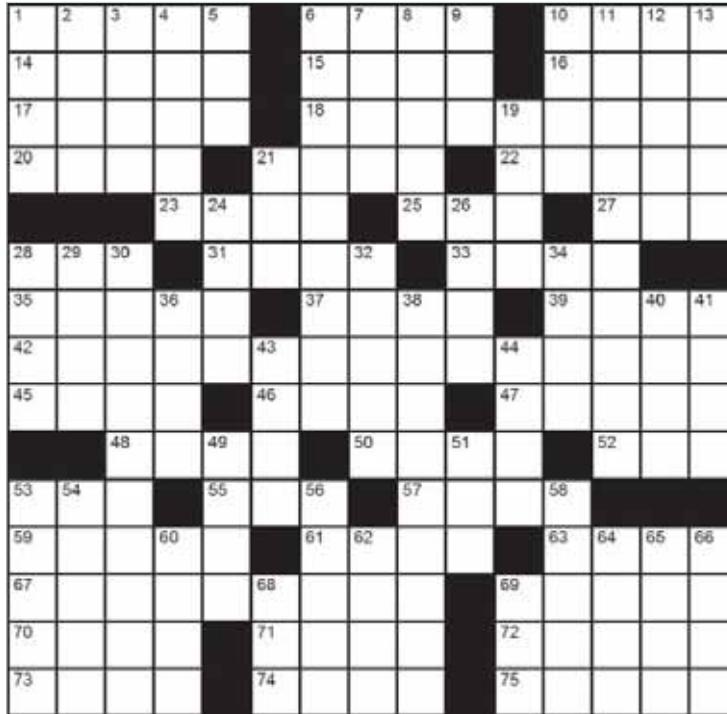
Feb. 20 - March 20

Don't jump to conclusions today or you could spend the rest of the week apologizing for something. It may look as if someone is behaving in anti-social ways but looks can be deceiving. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. Singer Justin, to fans
6. ___ and Michele's High School Reunion
10. Helper, for short
14. Sarah McLachlan song
15. Bit of a classic tongue-twister, "___ Wood sawed wood."
16. "The Cosby Show" son
17. Newfoundland's ___ Banks
18. NFB = National ___
20. Riverbank deposit
21. Reply to, for short
22. Get married again
23. Mix
25. "Hotfoot it, horse!"
27. US tax bureau
28. Bawl
31. CANADA has ___.
32. Three As...
33. Double
35. Without the extras
37. Zap
39. NY Mets ballpark, ___ Field
42. Cadbury's seasonal treats: 3 wds.
45. Actor, Dick Van ___
46. Carrier of blood
47. Purport
48. Roof's rim thingy
50. Env. info
52. "Promiscuous" singer ...her initials-sharer
53. Decide
55. Hesitant sounds
57. Don Juan type
59. Rustic retreat
61. Potato chips brand

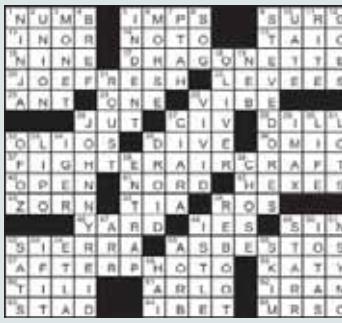


63. Does up a jacket
67. CBC series set in the Alberta foothills
69. FOX's "Glee" character
70. Rattling breathing sound
71. Border
72. Bryan Adams tune
73. Photocopies made

74. Celebrity chef, Paula
75. Where actors might be: 2 wds.
76. Purses
77. Crucifix inscription
78. Equal: French
79. Tendencies

80. Like the purchased house [abbr.]
81. Citation
82. Medical suffix
83. Ralph ___ ("Happy Days" role)
84. "Delish!"
85. Stick ___ in the water
86. Jean Chretien's hometown in Quebec
87. Hardwood flooring choice
88. Show to one's table
89. Zeppelin's pal
90. Hubbub

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



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